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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$275,000 TO RESTORE PROVIDENCE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced that \$275,000 will be appropriated to the Save America's Treasures Program to replace the deteriorated roof of the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC). The funds are being granted as part of the Fiscal Year 2004 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

"The Providence Performing Arts Center is one of Rhode Islands most treasured historical resources, as well as a fantastic source of art and culture," Chafee said. "These funds will help to keep it in the immaculate state Rhode Islanders have come to expect and preserve it for many years to come," Chafee continued.

"The Save America's Treasures program is one of the most prestigious historic preservation initiatives in the country so all of us at the Providence Performing Arts Center were elated that Senator Chafee and Senator Reed were able to secure these funds for the ongoing restoration of the theater," said Lynn Singleton, President of PPAC. "Senator Chafee and Senator Reed not only understand the historic significance of the PPAC building, but also the direct economic impact the theatre has in the state. These funds will be a tremendous boost to our ongoing restoration program and help ensure that PPAC remains the cornerstone of downtown Providence's arts and entertainment renaissance," she said.

Established in 1998 as part of the National Park Service, the Save America's Treasures Program has been dedicated to preserving and restoring buildings of national and cultural significance. The theatre was designed by the Chicago Architecture firm of Rapp & Rapp in 1928, and represents the only example of that renowned firm's theatrical architecture in New England still being used for its intended purpose.

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